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Applicants respectfully request that the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application be corrected to reflect the following:

1. Please correct the Priority Data as claimed by applicant to read:

THIS APPLICATION IS A CIP OF 08/561,668 11/22/1995 PAT 5,768,382

AND IS A CIP OF 08/624,998 03/29/1996 PAT 5,871,398

WHICH IS A CIP OF 08/497,080 06/30/1995 ABN

AND IS A CIP OF 08/677,544 08/08/1996 PAT 5,970,143

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AND IS A CIP OF 08/635,576 04/22/1996 PAT 5,779,549.

The requested corrections have been indicated in red on the enclosed copy of the official Filing Receipt.

In support of this request, applicants have enclosed a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal filed with the patent application on May 9, 2001, which clearly indicates the priority data as claimed by applicants. Please issue a corrected Filing Receipt in due course.

Applicants believe no fee is due. Please charge any fees that may be required for this Request, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Order number 01-015. The Assistant Commissioner is further authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the submission of this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

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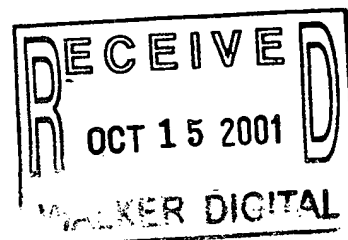
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Projected Publication Date: 01/17/2002

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Systems and methods to facilitate games of skill for prizes played via a communication network

Preliminary Class
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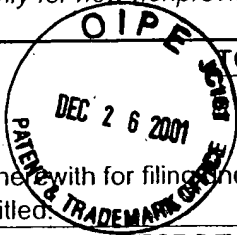
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**SYSTEMS AND METHODS TO FACILITATE GAMES OF SKILL FOR PRIZES PLAYED VIA A
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Application Elements

1. ☐ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 26 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☒ Cross References to Related Applications *(if applicable)*
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development *(if applicable)*
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix *(if applicable)*
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings *(if drawings filed)*
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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CONTINUED DATA OF RELATED APPLICATIONS:

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And is a continuation-in-part of	08/677,544	August 8, 1996	October 19, 1999	5,970,143
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- a. ☐ Paper Copy
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- c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
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16. ☒ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below):*

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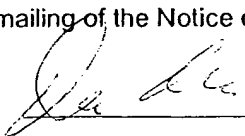
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